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## Appointments available for one-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at Ford Field starting next week

**DETROIT** — The Ford Field mass vaccination site will be offering free one-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines during its final two weeks of operation, starting Tuesday, May 4 through May 17. The site will also provide free second doses of the Pfizer vaccine for anyone who has a need, no matter where the first dose was received. First dose needs to have occurred 21 days prior to receiving the second dose, and people should bring their CDC vaccination card.

The site will accept walk-ins starting May 4, but people are still encouraged to register for an appointment by texting EndCOVID to 75049 or calling the MDHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136. Ford Field continues to prioritize registration and scheduling of appointments to help optimize operations and client experience. In order to request on-site disability assistance, accommodations or free transportation to and from Ford Field, people can also call the MDHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136.

Walk-ins should enter Ford Field through Gate G. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m., seven days a week, through May 17. A medical professional will be on site to answer any questions; ASL and translation services are also available.

"Moving as quickly as possible to vaccinate all eligible Michiganders remains our priority and the path to ending this pandemic," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "These vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective at preventing COVID-related hospitalizations and death, and with effectiveness rates as high as 95%, vaccination is by far the most essential thing that residents can be doing to protect themselves and each other."

The vaccine will be offered at no cost, and insurance is not required, nor will it be requested at the vaccination center. Anyone 18 years of age or older is eligible to receive the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine is available to anyone 16 years of age or older. A parent or guardian is required to be present for those under 18.

Free parking is available at the vaccination site at 1902 St. Antoine near Ford Field. For those who indicate during the registration process that they need assistance obtaining transportation to and from the vaccination site, there are free of charge ride share options offered as well.

"With almost 50% of Michiganders initiating their vaccine, including 229,184 of which were administered at Ford Field, we've made significant progress since we started vaccinating – protecting our loved ones and communities," said Kerry Ebersole Singh, director of the Protect Michigan

Commission. "This means we are 20% away or 1.65 million shots in arms from being able to be inside public spaces without masks. We won't stop working till we vaccinate at least 70% of our state so we can move beyond this pandemic."

The Ford Field vaccination clinic is managed by the State of Michigan with support from FEMA, Wayne County, the City of Detroit, Ford Field, Meijer, Henry Ford Health System, and the Detroit Lions. To date, more than 229,000 doses have been administered at this location.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

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